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Ray Leissner to: Jill Dean
Cc: Jose Torres

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Jill,

Hi. Unfortunately I have no specific information on the exploration activities occurring in Goliad County. I understand that there may have been an application to mine but I am not sure. The state has not applied for an exemption yet. I understand there are a lot of concerned citizens, mostly the result of poor news reports that try to sensationalize the events surrounding URI's Kingsville Dome (KVD) which is a currently active mining operation. Goliad and KVD are in separate counties about 100 - 110 miles apart.

Jose Torres can provide you with more specific information than I can on KVD. From my historical perspective KVD has been in the local public eye for quite some time. There is a small mexican american community adjacent to the mining operation (Garcia Hills) that relies on a few private water wells. The water in these wells tests high for uranium. They are drawing water from the same zone as the ore body. We have no evidence that any excursion from the mining operation has ever impacted those private wells. I don't believe an excursion has ever occurred at KVD, but I may be wrong. It is much more likely that the uranium concentrations detected is naturally occurring.

That's what I recall. With this email I am asking Jose to fill in between the lines and provide you with any details he might have. Jose oversees the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality who permits these Class III operations. I oversee the Railroad Commission of Texas which permits uranium exploration activities but not production activities. Still, I'll check my contacts at the RRC to see what I can glean from them.

I would also like to offer that it would be a good move in the right direction if an exploration company did a water quality survey of any surrounding water wells prior to poking any holes in the ground. The results would clearly provide the concerned citizens with their water quality prior to any impact due to exploration and / or production. This would negate a lot of perceived culpability on the company by citizens who learn (after exploration) that their water is of poor quality. It would also provide the citizens with the capability of proving culpability should contamination occur.

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03/06/2008 08:00 AM

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Subject ISL information 

Hi Ray,

I work with Roy Simon here at HQ. I am helping him to come up with material for the briefing book for sr. management that Marilyn has already mentioned to you.

Do you have any specific information on Goliad County, TX? It is my understanding that Goliad Co. is the location of the Kingsville Dome uranium ISL mine, and there have been numerous public concerns over groundwater contamination there. Roy would like to have more information on Goliad/Kingsville Dome especially in light of the recent notice of intent to sue Uranium Energy Corp.

Specifically we are looking for documents noting public concern, anything TCEQ may have, any information you think may be pertinent to the sr. mgt. briefing and the Congressional hearing scheduled on ISL for next week. This is very time-sensitive, and I apologize to add extra burden on you last minute, but Congress waits for no one! :)

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Read and talk to me to see what I need here

----- Forwarded by Roy Simon/DC/USEPA/US on 03/05/2008 10:05 AM -----



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Hi Ray,

I hope you are doing good. Yes, I am registered for the UIC class, but I may not be able to attend. I know more early next week. For Texas ISL please note the following,

Uranium Resources Incorporated (URI)

Rosita facility-----Stand by (preparing to re-initiate production)

Vasquez facility-----in Production

Kingsville Dome Facility----in Production

Mesteña Uranium, LLC

Alta Mesa facility ---in Production

Cogema Mining, Inc

Holiday and El Mesquite facilities: Groundwater Restoration completed; Class III wells are being plugged at both facilities.

Currently, we are reviewing **two new applications** for ISL operations in Texas.

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Hi Muhammad,

I trust this email finds you doing well. I see you are on the list to attend the UIC inspector training in March. I would think you should be the one giving the Class III portion of the training. In any case it will be good to see you.

Below HQ provides status on ISL sites in Texas. Are they correct?
Thanks

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Phil, please get the requested info back to HQ. Thanks.

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Subject

ISL information

Hello All,

We are preparing to brief our senior management on the status of NRC's in-situ-leach uranium mining rulemaking and need to know if the numbers below are up to date. We would appreciate it very much if you would please pass this e-mail on to the regional ISL expert and ask that he/she get back to us by COB Tuesday with current numbers.

Thanks for your, and their, help,
Marilyn

These are the totals that we have for ISL Facilities. Can you please tell us the correct numbers:

Regions 1 - 5: 0

Region 6:

NM: 2 partially permitted and licensed

TX: 1 on stand by

TX: 2 operating

TX: 1 producing

TX: 1 under development

Region 7:

NE: 1 operating

Region 8:

WY: 1 operating

WY: 1 in reclamation

Regions 9 , 10: 0